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Field Crops Report

As of March 25, **Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 59 percent not being harvested, 16 percent light, 16 percent moderate, and 9 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to light.

As of March 25, 15 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 14 percent of **Barley**, 13 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 15 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 6 percent poor, 48 percent fair, and 46 percent good. Livestock were reported to be in fair to good condition. Stock Water was reported as adequate. Soil Moisture was reported as adequate. Insect Damage was reported as none.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, iceberg lettuce, mixed greens, napa, other lettuce, parsley, romaine, and spinach last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio and spinach. Lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus shipments in central Arizona included tangerines, grapefruit, lemons, navels and valencias last week. Shipments from western Arizona included grapefruit, lemons, tangerines and valencias.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were well above average for the week ending March 24. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Douglas to 10 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperatures of the week were 92 degrees at Coolidge, Gila Bend, and Yuma, while the lowest readings were 22 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at zero reporting stations.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK MARCH 18 TO MARCH 24, 2001

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	44	8	76	26	0.00	1.77	1.92
Casa Grande	61	6	91	40	0.00	3.93	2.14
Coolidge	58	8	92	36	0.00	3.98	2.36
Douglas	54	2	84	30	0.00	1.28	1.58
Flagstaff	36	8	65	22	0.00	5.60	6.17
Gila Bend	64	N/A	92	N/A	0.00	3.02	1.69
Grand Canyon	35	10	63	22	0.00	7.66	4.10
Kingman	52	7	79	34	0.00	2.96	2.68
Parker	64	7	91	52	0.00	1.51	1.47
Payson	47	6	74	28	0.00	5.44	5.79
Phoenix	63	9	90	50	0.00	3.40	2.07
Prescott Airport	45	9	75	31	0.00	3.50	2.49
Safford Ag Center	54	5	84	30	0.00	1.51	1.78
Tucson	60	6	90	41	0.00	2.58	2.15
Willcox	52	4	82	28	0.00	3.48	2.14
Winslow	47	5	78	25	0.00	1.40	1.45
Yuma	68	8	92	66	0.00	2.65	0.78

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.